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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Group Art Unit:

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FOR: Low Residue Anhydrous Antiperspirant Stick
Composition

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the above identified Application and in compliance with Rule 56 (37 C.F.R. 1.56), Applicant hereby wishes to call the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449. A copy of each reference is also enclosed.

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☒ the issuance of the first action in this application.

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Each of the following patents relates in some fashion to cosmetic sticks. While the references are mentioned here as specifically disclosing certain aspects, each reference may actually relate to multiple components within the present invention and the following statement should not be deemed to be anything to the contrary.

1. US 4,202,879 and US 4,725,432 disclose fatty acid and fatty alcohol esters and water-insoluble ethers as emollients in cosmetic sticks.
2. US 4,822,603
3. US 4,917,882 relates to the use of polyethylene in a gel-type sunscreen
4. US 4,985,238; US 5,169,626; US 5,254,332; US 5,302,381; US 5,449,511; US 5,833,964; US 5,972,319; and US 6,048,518 relate to high refractive index, non-volatile liquid components to mask residue in low-residue anhydrous cosmetic sticks. These references are discussed at page 2 of the specification.
5. US 5,069,897; US 5,102,656; US 5,178,881; and 5,531,986 mention the use of polyethylene in wax based cosmetic sticks.
6. US 5,225,188 relates to the use of volatile and non-volatile silicones in combination.
7. US 5,750,096 and US 5,846,620 relate to the use of waxes having smaller crystal size than stearyl alcohol.
8. US 5,922,308 is directed to the use of anti-whitening agents.
9. US 5,082,652 discusses the use of an oil absorbent particulate material for preventing dusting of another component.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and to indicate that each of the references was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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